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SUBJECT: FRANCO-SOVIET RELATIONS MAY BE COOLING

1. DANIEL LEQUERTIER, QUAI OFFICER IN CHARGE, EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF DURING A DISCUSSION OF QUAI IMPRESSIONS OF GISCARD'S POLISH TRIP (SEPTEL) THAT IT WAS "NOT TOTALLY INACCURATE" TO SPEAK OF A COOLING-OFF IN PARIS/MOSCOW RELATIONS.

2. LEQUERTIER'S ANALYSIS APPEARED INGENUOUS: SOVIET LEADERS HAVE NOT YET COME TO KNOW GISCARD, MATTERS OF PERSONAL STYLE AND CONTACTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT IN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS THAN IS GENERALLY ASSUMED, GISCARD'S TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION--NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER--WILL THEREFORE DISPELL MUCH OF THE COOLNESS.

3. LEQUERTIER ALSO OFFERED SOME CONVENTIONAL REASONS, HOWEVER, WHICH HE WAS CAREFUL TO LABEL AS PERSONAL, FOR SOVIET DISENCHANTMENT: THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN IRRITATED

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BY GISCARD'S SEEMING WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW BOTH PRIME

MINISTER CHIRAC AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR PONIATOWSKI
TO MAKE BLISTERING ATTACKS ON THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS; PRC
VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING'S SPECTACULAR VISIT TO
PARIS WAS, LIKE GISCARD'S TRIP TO POLAND, CONSIDERED
"PROVOCATIVE" BY THE SOVIETS.

4. WHILE THE GOF CONTINUES TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF
GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND HAS OFFERED SOME EARNESTS
OF ITS GOOD INTENTIONS (GISCARD'S STATEMENT THAT A COM-
MON EUROPEAN DEFENSE IS INOPPORTUNE AT THE PRESENT TIME;
HIS REPORTED SUPPORT OF THE JULY 22 DATE FOR THE CSCE
SUMMIT), THE QUAI DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT
AMELIORATION IN FRANCO-SOVIET RELATIONS UNTIL GISCARD
MAKES HIS STATE VISIT.

5. COMMENT: LEQUERTIER'S COMMENTS ARE THE FIRST OFFI-
CIAL CONFIRMATION WE HAVE OF RECENT INDICATIONS THAT THE
SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN PLEASED WITH GOF COMPORTMENT. IN
ADDITION TO THE REASONS LISTED BY LEQUERTIER, WE CAN ADD
GISCARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT TERMINATING VE-DAY CELEBRATIONS,
AND UNCONVINCING GOF DENIALS THAT THE FRENCH AND GERMANS
ARE DISCUSSING THE STATIONING OF PLUTON TACTICAL ATOMIC
WEAPONS IN GERMANY. THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER HUMANITE'S
CRITICISM OF THE POLES FOR THEIR EFFUSIVENESS IN PRAIS-
ING GISCARD WAS ANOTHER TIPOFF OF MOSCOW'S IRRITATION
WITH THE CURRENT FRENCH ATTITUDE. GOOD RELATIONS WITH
THE SOVIETS ARE IMPORTANT TO GISCARD FOR INTERNAL AS
WELL AS EXTERNAL REASONS. WITH UNEMPLOYMENT RISING TO
THE LEVEL OF POSSIBLE SOCIAL INSTABILITY, GISCARD CAN-
NOT AFFORD TO HAVE SOVIET HOSTILITY AGGRAVATING HIS
OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH THE LEFT OPPOSITION. A
DESIRE TO TURN THINGS AROUND WITH THE SOVIETS MAY EX-
PLAIN WHY GISCARD WAS WILLING TO MAKE THE UNFORTUNATE
PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HE SYMPATHIZED WITH SOVIET FEARS
OF AN INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT.

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